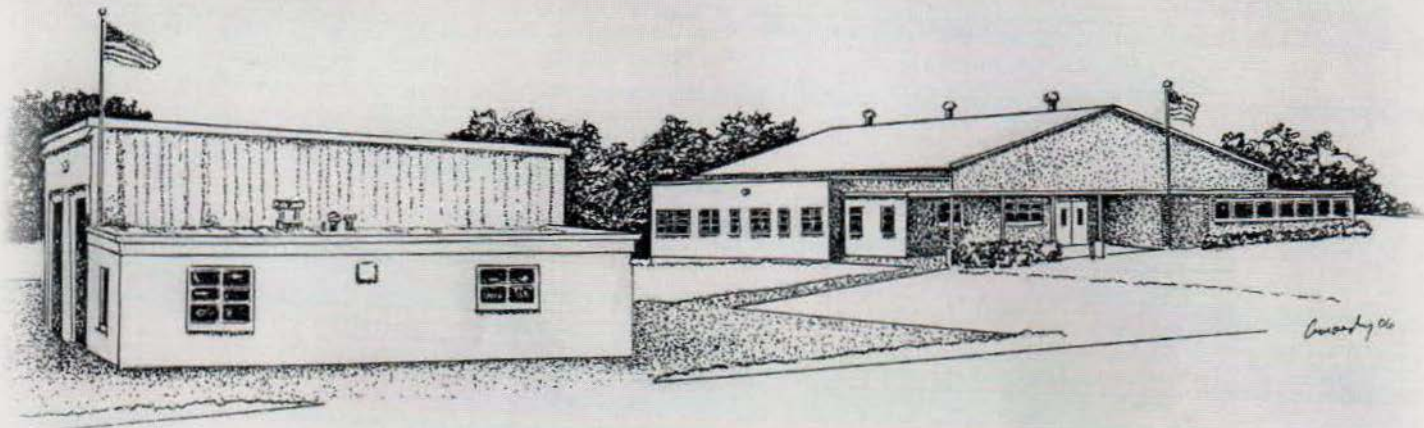


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Ceremony for the Naming of the  
F. Clinton Russell Physical Plant Complex  
East Central Community College  
Tuesday, May 9, 2006  
2:30 p.m.

Prelude .....Mr. Len Bobo, Keyboard & Music Instructor  
Welcome ..... Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, President  
Invocation..... Mr. Mickey Vance,Vice President for Business Operations  
Pledge of Allegiance ..... Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction  
National Anthem .....Mr. Cassidy Crenshaw, Sophomore Music Major  
Introduction of Speakers ..... Dr. Sutphin  
Speaker ..... Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President Emeritus  
Speaker..... Mr. Jack Winstead,Vice President of the ECCC Board of Trustees  
Naming..... Dr. Sutphin  
Response ..... Mr. F. Clinton Russell  
Benediction..... Rev. Mark Vincent, Pastor Clarke Venable Baptist Church

*Following the dedication ceremony, a reception will be held to honor  
Mr. F. Clinton Russell in the Maj. Gen. W.P. "Pat" Wilson Building.*



REMARKS FOR THE DEDICATION OF CLINTON RUSSELL BUILDING

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(Acknowledge honored guests and others!)

**INTRODUCTION:** (1) I wonder if any of you have ever felt so inadequate and humble about something that you hardly knew what to say or do? Possibly you have. (2) **BUT**, have you ever felt this way and at the same time been happy and proud to have had the opportunities that you've had that brought you to a very special time in your life? Possibly you've felt this way, too. If so, you need to know that that's the condition I find myself in just now. (4) I'm overcome with feelings of humility and gratitude at the same time. I'm humbled and have feelings of inadequacy because of the honor I'm receiving today, yet I'm thankful for and proud of life's opportunities that allowed me to come to this place at this moment in my life. (5) I've always believed what former president Jimmy Carter said he believed about personal responsibility, success, and joy in labor: "You can do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it even better than you think you can." (6) Albert Schweitzer knew the secret of contentment in one's work and he shared it with us: "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." (7) Early on in life I discovered that joy comes from work and true happiness comes from service to others, so let me share with you why I'm filled with gratitude and feel so inadequate today.

**I. MY GRATITUDE ABOUT BEING HERE TODAY IS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE RELATIONSHIPS I HAVE ENJOYED THROUGH THE YEARS**

- A. I've had the privilege of working at East Central with some of the finest people to be found anywhere for the past 28 years. Presidents; deans; staff members; students; etc.
- B. My former ~~own~~ members' labor has made (and is still making in some instances) the East Central complex something that is a source of pride to all! Honors coming my way belong to all of them!
- C. I've had the backing of a fine family and a very supportive wife, the light of my life and my best friend, in all my years of association with East Central. I'm so grateful to all of them!

**II. MY HUMILITY IS BASED ON MY KNOWING WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THAT THESE RELATIONSHIPS PUT ME HERE**

**III. MY OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE IS BASED ON THESE AND OTHER FACTS AND IS POSITIVE AND ASSURED**

- A. Things constantly change for me but the more they do, the more I attempt to live up to some fundamental goals and beliefs which have served me well so far. I've always wanted to improve my life and have always attempted to make a difference for good in the world. I've always wanted to make things better for the future because that's where I'll be spending all the time that's coming to me! In attempting to make things better and make a difference in the world, I learned long ago that listening to others' opinions was a very important tool to use in successfully reaching those goals. President Calvin Coolidge had it right when he said: "No one ever listened himself out of a job." Listening to others pays big dividends! I've also learned that to make the world a better place a person must have a servant attitude! This is perhaps the most helpful tool of all!
- B. To serve others as best I could I did essentially what John Wesley urged people to do to make the world a better place. He admonished people to:  
"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ~~can~~ you can."
- C. I've attempted to serve in the midst of an ever-changing world knowing that change is inevitable. I'm grateful for change in all instances when it is positive and helps people. I'm also thankful that God has allowed me to see that whether it is for the better or not, change comes and it has to be dealt with in every aspect of life. To that end, I've built on a solid foundation as I have journeyed; I have friends and family who care for me and for whom I care, and I have put my faith in a value system and Power greater than myself that sustain me. The system and the Savior have not failed me and my prayer is that as long as I draw breath I'll be able to continue to serve! Thank you for this honor!

J. Clinton Russell  
Physical Plant  
Complex Dedication Ceremony  
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*You are invited to attend a  
Convocation*

*honoring*

*Mr. F. Clinton Russell*

*upon the naming of the*

*Physical Plant Complex*

*in his honor.*

*Tuesday, May 9, 2006*

*East Central Community College*

*Physical Plant Complex*

*15738 Hwy 15 South*

*Decatur, Mississippi*

*Two-Thirty in the afternoon*

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*Reception immediately following  
in the Maj. Gen. W.L. "Pat" Wilson Building*